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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Okinawa Bureau - January 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Some 30 applicants responded to the advertisements run in Australian papers for Russian-language monitors. Deputy Chief departed for the land down under on 24 January on a two-week interview and testing trip, during which he intended to meet with 25 of the applicants during stops in Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne.

2. Both the BBC and Okinawa Bureau provided monitor "impressions" of Soviet television treatment of the USSR involvement in Afghanistan, requested by LRB. The BBC and bureau impressions were remarkably close, both reaching the conclusion that Moscow downplays the Soviet military role in that country.]

3. Poor reception rendered unsuccessful Okinawa's efforts to backstop Hong Kong Bureau coverage of mid-day radio newscasts during the latter's relocation of its microwave antenna on 18 January. The broadcasts involved were the Quezon City Maharlika Broadcasting System 0400 GMT newscast in English and the Lanzhou 0430 and Lhasa 0500 GMT PRC provincial newscasts in Mandarin.

4. TDY Editor-Trainee arrived in Okinawa on 8 January for 12 weeks of editorial training.

B. Coverage

1. A major loss to bureau coverage occurred at month's end when the Indonesian Government apparently ordered a halt to the satellite relay of Quezon City RPN Television via the Palapa-2 satellite on 1 February. A press report had indicated that the Indonesians would take this action if the Philippine firm Domestic Satellite Philippines (DOMSAT) failed to pay

its outstanding transponder rental fees by 31 January, the end of a five-year contract period. To date, nothing has been monitored on the future status of satellite relays of Philippine television programming.

2. While losing one source of coverage, the bureau gained another with the 10 January arrival of its first issues of the PRC provincial paper ANHUI RIBAO, a source previously unavailable to foreign subscribers. Okinawa is getting the paper through a subscription with the Beijing Post Office entered on its behalf by Hong Kong Bureau. ✓

3. Following extensive checks to verify that the content of Moscow's Orbita-2 programs covered by the bureau were identical to the same programs carried over Orbita-1, coverage of all but one of the Orbita-2 programs was transferred to Orbita-1 in early January, allowing the bureau to view these programs a full eight hours before they are aired in Moscow.

The one program that remains on Orbita-2 coverage is the 1130-1205 GMT Sunday "Vremya" newscast. Switching this program to Orbita-1 coverage would have conflicted with the bureau's Sunday coverage of the Quezon City RPN Television Network 0930 GMT newscast. However, with the halt of RPN Television relays via satellite, it is now possible to switch the Sunday "Vremya" to Orbita-1. A decision will be made shortly.

C. Cruising

STAT 1. Staff cruising officer [] departed the bureau 24 January to conduct a reception survey of Philippine broadcast media from sites in the Philippines. He is expected to return to post 8 February.

2. Routine satellite cruising operations during the month yielded the usual rich harvest of satellite-relayed programming. Intercepted on the PRC's 125E satellite were Beijing International Service radio broadcasts in Polish, German, French, Arabic, and English to West North Africa, all of which were in parallel with their HF transmissions. Also intercepted were Belgrade TANJUG in English and a new frequency for Bombay PTI in English on the Intelsat 60E and 63E satellites, respectively.

D. Communications

January saw an unusually high number of hours of unscheduled outages for both the bureau's Mode I and Mode V circuits, 18 hours in all. Three of the 18 hours in outages resulted from bureau equipment failures, while the remaining 15 hours were due to problems experienced by both ASC's Guam and Drake with their satellite relays. The bureau was able to maintain near normal operations thanks to its newly-installed Telex circuit.

II. ADMINISTRATION

STAT 1. Chinese Unit senior monitor [] spent two weeks on detail to the Administrative staff developing a Financial Status Report (FSR) generator using the Lotus 1-2-3 computer program. As a result of his work, it is now possible to maintain SOC worksheets and to generate an FSR completely by use of an IBM-PC and the Lotus program. STAT [] also modified the Lotus 1-2-3 program to handle the bureau's TCN payroll system. Both the FSR generator and the TCN payroll programs are undergoing testing and refinement. Copies

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of the programs developed by [] will be forwarded to SDS once testing is completed.

2. A CPR certification/recertification course was conducted at the FBIS Community Room 17-20 January by a medical services officer from the American Embassy, Tokyo. Eleven U.S. staff/TCN employees and four dependents took the course.

3. The regional medical officer from the Embassy in Tokyo visited the bureau on 18 January for orientation and consultation.

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4. Bureau logistics officer [] departed for Washington on 31 January on emergency visitation travel.

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5. [] returned to post 19 January after extended treatment of eye medical problems at Letterman Hospital, San Francisco.

III. ENGINEERING

1. Invitation for bids for the antenna pole replacement project were sent to contractors during the month. Seven contractors visited the bureau on 30 January to receive a detailed briefing on the project. Bids have been requested by 19 February.

2. Two visits to the bureau were made by Army Microwave Improvement Program personnel regarding site location of the new microwave equipment. The program personnel requested, and received, formal Headquarters rejection of the bureau compound as the site for the microwave tower. The proposed site for the tower, favored by both the Army and the bureau, is located outside the fence behind the BOQ/quonset hut area across the road from the bureau proper.

IV. LOGISTICS

1. Following receipt of Headquarters approval for an increase in the authorized bureau fleet to nine, the bureau procured a 4WD jeep on 28 January. The jeep is to be used for work in the bureau's antenna field.

2. All work to repair/replace burst water pipes and water heaters in the housing area was completed during the month. The burst pipes and heaters resulted from uncoordinated watermain repair work on Kadena Air Base.

V. VISITORS

To the bureau:

Vice Admiral Edward Burkhalter and aides 24 January for orientation briefing. The Admiral was also accompanied by BGen Donald Snyder, Commanding General, 313th Air Division, U.S.A.F.

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[] Chief/FBIS, Seoul Bureau, 28-31 January for discussion of topics of mutual interest and orientation.

Dr. John P. Slocum, Tokyo Embassy, 18 January for orientation and consultation.

Richard McMurray, Tokyo Embassy medical services technician, 17-21 January to conduct CPR training course.

Rick Chapman, Daryl Stalling, and Ray Ninneman, Army microwave engineers, 25 and 31 January for discussions on upgrading the bureau's microwave equipment.

Lieutenant Spear, Torii Field Station language training program officer, 24 January for a discussion of FBIS monitoring of PRC television.

From the bureau:

STAT Deputy Chief [] to U.S. Embassy and consulates in Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne, Australia, 24 January to 6 February to interview and test Russian-language monitor applicants.

STAT Staff cruising officer [] to the Philippines 24 January to 8 February for reception survey.

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:

Annual Communications Report

Okinawa Bureau Communications Report

1. GENERAL

The bureau operates and maintains two record communications terminals, which are tributary stations of the Defense Communications System (DCS) AUTODIN network. The two terminals provide our primary and secondary communications capability. Altrouting can be done for either circuit by terminating them at separate AUTODIN Switching Centers (ASC). In addition, the bureau has telex capability as a backstop.

2. STAFFING AND HOURS

The communications unit, directed by the deputy chief through the chief editor, is a 24 hour-operation staffed by a supervisor and 14 teletype operators.

3. EQUIPMENT

In addition to the two terminals and the telex, the communications unit has 5 paper tape punching positions to prepare outgoing messages using EXTEL ASR teletypewriters, 5 EXTEL reperforators to generate paper tapes of incoming press services selected for SATRAP handling, and 14 EXTEL printers for hard copy printout of selected VHF press service broadcasts. The VHF equipment is operated by Main Radio personnel. A time insertion device provides an automatic record for time of receipt of press service coverage.

4. PRIMARY COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT

Our primary record communication circuit is an AUTODIN MODE I terminal operating at 150 words per minute (WPM -- 150 baud modulation rate using the 10 bit ASCII data format). The outgoing messages are prepared using paper tape and the JANAP 128 message heading format. The control circuit system designator (CCSD) for the circuit is HFBEB087 and terminates at the Guam ASC. We have two circuit paths between the bureau and Ft. Buckner (Camp Butler) Tech Control facility where the signal is relayed via satellite to Guam.

5. SECONDARY COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT

Our secondary record communication circuit is an AUTODIN MODE V terminal operating at 100 WPM (75 baud modulation rate using the 7.5 bit Baudot data format). The outgoing messages are prepared using paper tape and the JANAP 128 message heading format. The CCSD for the circuit is HFBEB252 and terminates at Camp Drake, Japan ASC. We have two circuit paths between the bureau and Ft. Buckner Tech Control facility where the signal is relayed via terrestrial microwave to Camp Drake.

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6. TELEX

Our backup record communication circuit is a telex operating at 67 WPM (50 baud modulation rate using 7.5 bit Baudot data format). The outgoing messages are prepared using paper tape and the ACP 127 message heading format. The country code for the telex is 72, the call number is J79898, and the answerback is FBISOW. Outgoing telex messages are sent to Seoul bureau for relay into the DCS.

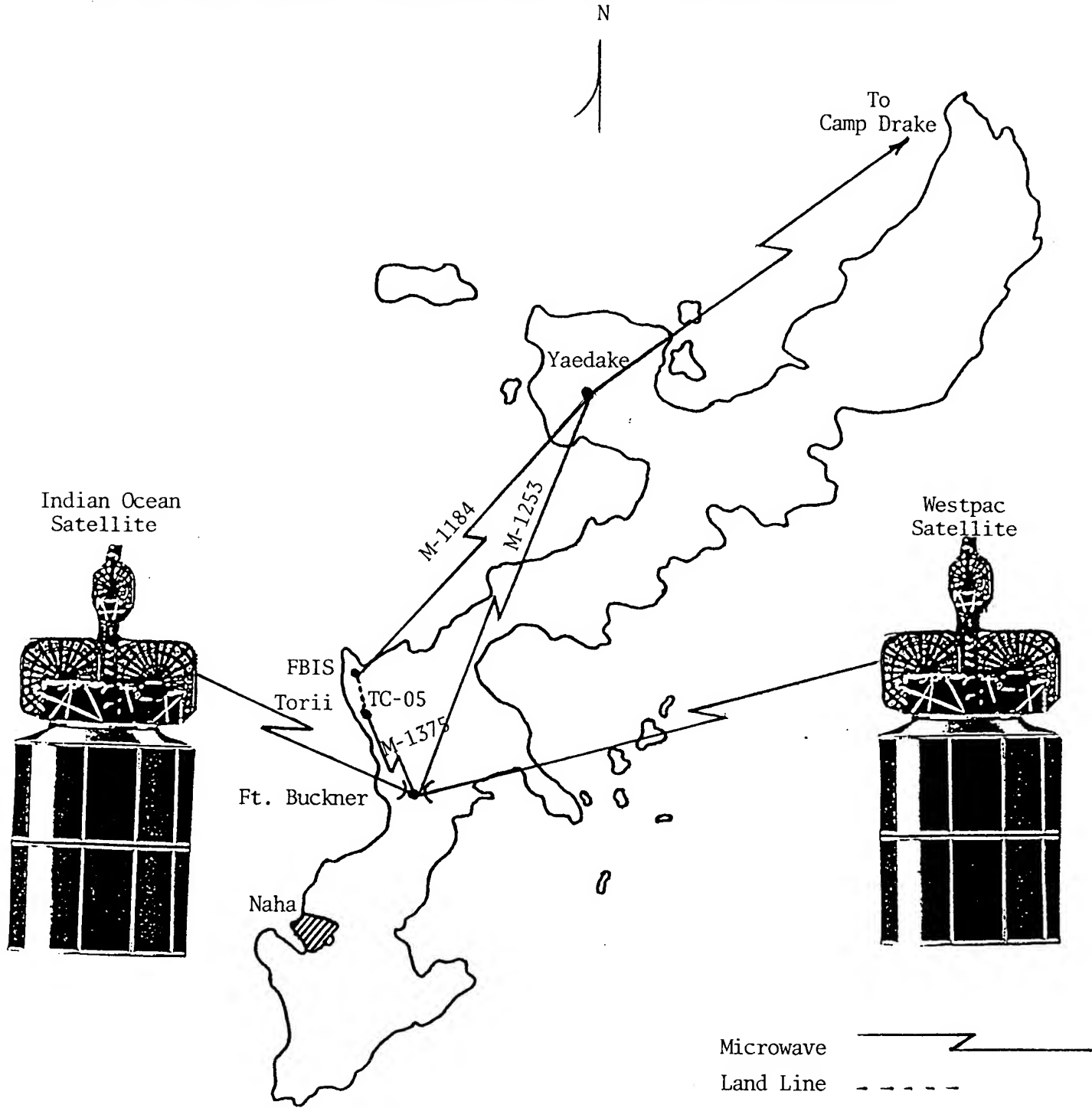
7. CIRCUIT OUTAGE PROCEDURES

In the event of circuit outages during normal working hours, the communications unit personnel determine if it is a failure in our equipment or outside of our maintenance responsibility and then notifies our technical support staff, Ft. Buckner Tech Control, and the appropriate ASC. Our technical support staff will then handle all coordination required for circuit restoration. For after-hours outages, the duty editor takes action as required to ensure minimal circuit restoration time.

8. EMERGENCY ALERTS

As the bureau has 24-hour operations, no special procedures are required for emergency alerts. In the event that classified OO NIACT or ZZ messages are received, either in coded form at the bureau or at the Kadena Message Center, the duty editor will inform the staff admin officer or the deputy bureau chief.

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OKINAWA BUREAU COMMUNICATIONS PATHS

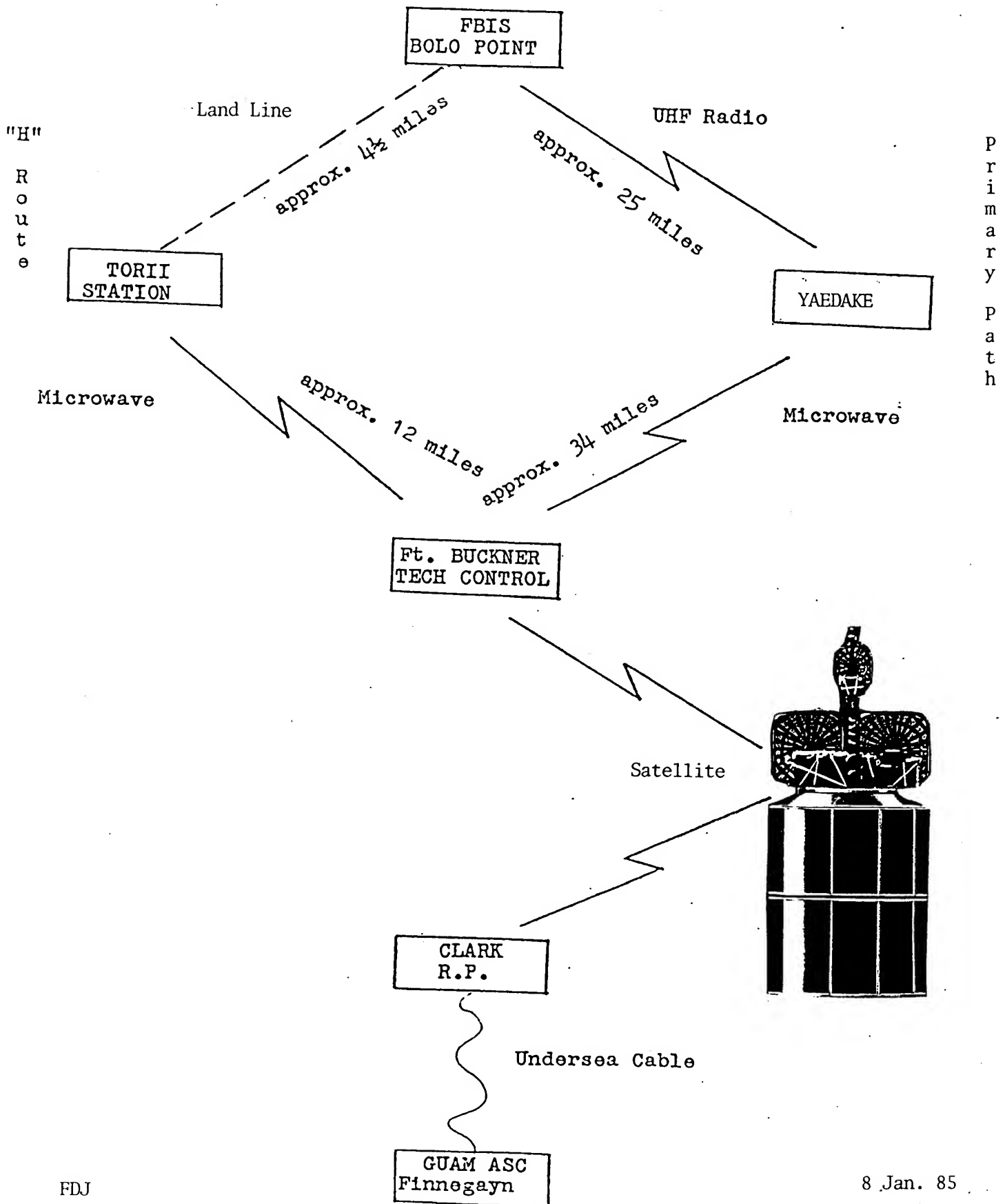
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PRIMARY-CIRCUIT
(Autodin—Mode I)

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Channel #8



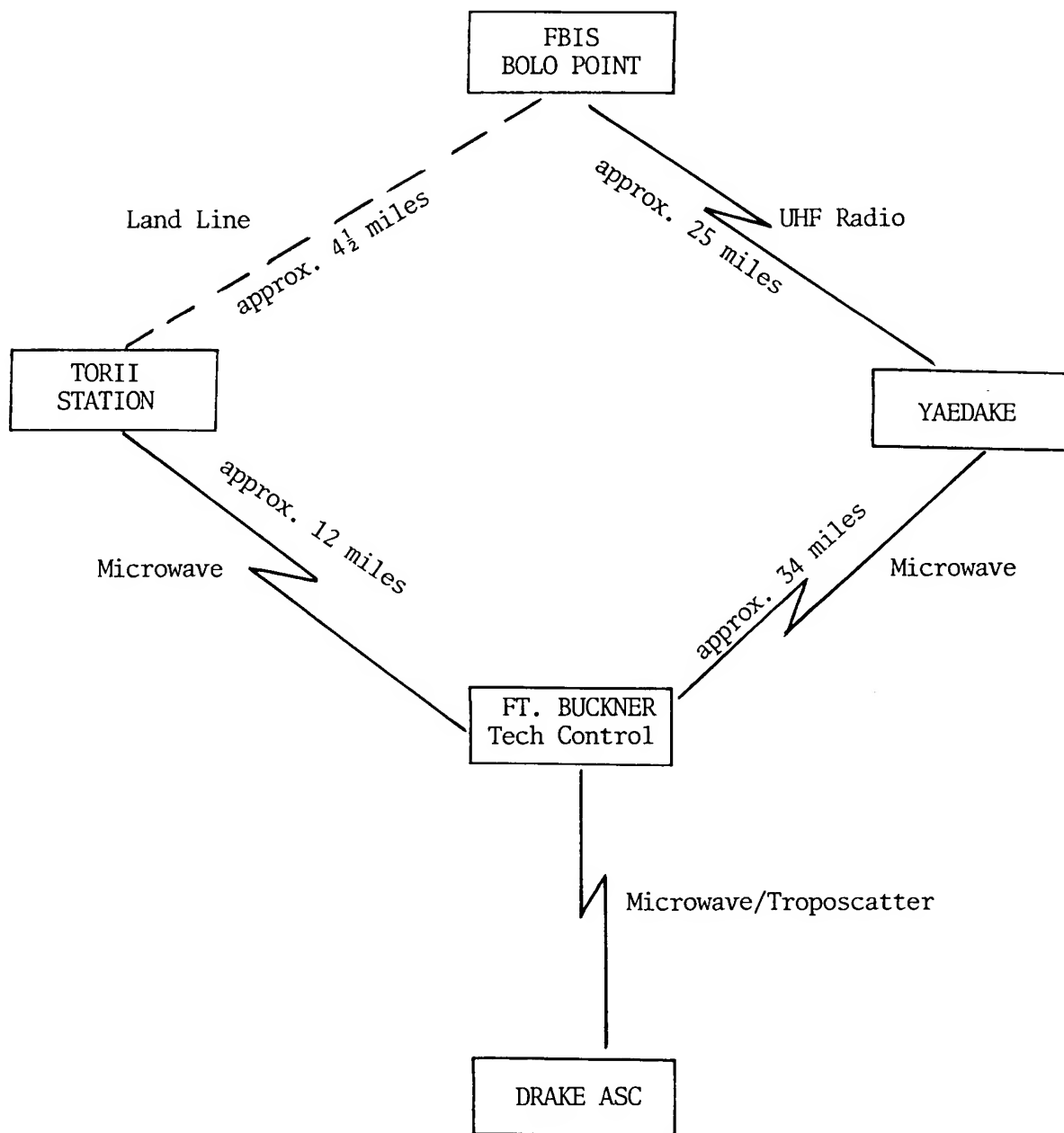
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Mode V
Circuit # B-252
Trunk - 6L49 (SZZW)
Channel #6

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Note: Trunk 6149 also carries SZZX
(Kyodo - incoming 50 Baud) and B - 078
(KCNA - outgoing 75 Baud). These circuits
operate on Channel 8 of 6L49. FCC-19 Terminal.
B - 252 Mode V operates on Channel 6 of FCC-19.

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,143,760
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	419,700
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,208

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	20,140 min.	39,860 min.	174.02 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA	
Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	2,350
Beijing International Service in Japanese	560
Beijing to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	770
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	1,630
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	2,260
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	8,290
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	28,260
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,720
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,370
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	11,540
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,230
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,340
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	6,980

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		377,310	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		185,720	
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			4,740
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			3,260
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			3,060
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			3,950
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			1,780
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Voice of the PLA to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio Spark to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio October Storm to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Contingent of Proletarian Fighters to China in Mandarin	---		
JAPAN			
Naha NHK Television in Japanese	2,690		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	22,670		
Tokyo JPS in English		4,640	
Tokyo KYODO in English		120,460	
Tokyo JIJI in English		8,880	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			8,430
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			20,300
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			1,270
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			13,520

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,290
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			16,420
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,620
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			19,200
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			43,990
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,630
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,050
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			4,110
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			3,130
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
MONGOLIA Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		6,050	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		2,640	
PHILIPPINES Quezon City RPN Television Network in English	15,660		
TAIWAN Taipei International Service in English	2,860		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,050		
Taipei CNA in English		20,790	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			8,400
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			710
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			670
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			1,150
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			900

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	5,830		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	3,170		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,480		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	600		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	17,590		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	5,250		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	27,800		
Hanoi VNA in English		56,180	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		1,570	